

DUTY OF STATE, NOT OF NATION

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AND MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH THEY SERVE.

A prominent Astorian, who does his own thinking and expresses his conclusions with typical force, sends us the following which will find echoes all about here, since it is a question that bears on this community relatively, and with vital effect.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 11, 1906.
To the Editor:

"I noticed a lengthy communication to the 'Oregonian' a few days ago from Captain Gray in re: 'Steamboats on the Upper Columbia River,' and showing how much money would be saved by the citizens of the Inland Empire every year on lower freights, by forcing the railroads to reduce their tariffs from competing points, all of which is very commendable and should receive the financial support of every citizen of the territory tributary to the upper Columbia River; also the citizens of Portland, Vancouver and Astoria, whose commercial houses would reap a great benefit on account of the cheaper freight rates with the great and growing country east of the mountains, but when the people of the state in general are asked to combine their influence through their granges, Chambers of Commerce, etc., to influence the United States government to spend large sums of money in building canals and blasting rocks in the channels, etc., there is where the captain and I part company.

"I do not believe in any such policy, and do not think it is the business of the general government to build canals and blast out rocks in rivers, except in very rare and exceptional cases, and think that the states interested should put up the money for such works, and if necessary charge a small toll or tariff to help pay interest and keep the works in repair.

"If the general government may build a canal and operate it, why not build a railway and operate it? Of course, the Panama canal is the exception to this rule; being a national affair in which the whole people are interested,

both in a commercial way, and also for military reasons.

"I perfectly understand how unpopular my position on this question may be, especially with those people who are or think they are, directly interested, and whether they may agree with me or not on the general proposition, will say—and say it loud—what is the difference if we can ~~cost~~ the money out of Uncle Sam, and have it spent on our country and amongst our people, whether we will be directly benefited by the work or not, or whether it is right or proper to beg for it or not? We will have the money spent amongst us anyhow, and if we don't get it, somebody else will get it; and so there is a general scramble for all kinds of improvements, not excepting the Seattle canal to Lake Washington and kindred projects. It is all wrong—and un-American, which is a favorite expression and will do to close with.

Yours, "SUBSCRIBER."

Pain from a Burn Promptly Relieved by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

A little child of Michael Straus of Vernon, Conn., was recently in great pain from a burn on the hand and as cold applications only increased the inflammation. Mr. Straus came to Mr. James N. Nichols, a local merchant, for something to stop the pain. Mr. Nichols says: "I advised him to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and the first application drew out the inflammation and gave immediate relief. I have used this liniment myself and recommend it very often for cuts, burns, strains and lame back, and have never known it to disappoint." For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

Troubles and hardships are often of our own making. It is wonderful if we make up our minds to put up with a thing how little there is to put up with.

ABSCESS.

ABSCESSSES, with few exceptions, are indicative of constipation or debility.

W. H. Harrison, Cleveland, Miss., writes, Aug. 15, 1902: "I want to say a word of praise for Ballard's Snow Liniment. I stepped on a nail, which caused the cords of my leg to contract and an abscess to rise in my knee, and the doctor told me that I would have a stiff leg, so one day I went to J. F. Lord's drug store (who is now in Denver, Colo.). He recommended a bottle of Snow Liniment; I got a 50c size and it cured my leg. It is the best liniment in the world." Hart's Drug Store.

ASTORIAN ABROAD SENDS BACK WORD

SOME CAUSTIC ALLUSIONS TO PORTLAND'S INSUFFERABLE RAILWAY POLICY AND SOME OF ITS REACTIONARY EFFECTS.

The Astorian is in receipt of the following pungent and pertinent letter from Percy B. Sovey, now of the Aberdeen Bulletin, and one of the city's brightest young writers, who has the advantage of very definite schooling in the matters with which he deals in this communication:

"Editor, The Astorian:
"In the Portland Journal of even date is to be found the following declaration, which is given great prominence:

"For 20 years the people of Oregon have been demanding better and cheaper railroad transportation. The demand has fallen upon unheeding ears."

"Surely, there is no absence of humor in this statement, when one stops to consider how the people of Astoria and of some of the grain-producing sections of the state fought for 20 years for equality, and how the people of Portland fought them every inch of the way. For all of those 20 years the Portland grain pool, in whose interest the welfare of Oregon was sacrificed, successfully combatted the demand, with the result that Oregon fell far behind in the commercial race. When Oregon's only transcontinental was dominated at Portland, this very cry was laughed at in the proud metropolis, and Astorians were hooted at as fools. But, now that the viper which Oregon warmed these 20 years has sunk its fangs into her breast, we enjoy the novelty of a howl from Portland. It's pathetic, but nevertheless very funny.

"All of us well remember—it was only a year or so ago—when Mr. Hammon officially proclaimed a financial weakening by the Portland sages. He was belittled in every way. Now he's a railroad hero—a commercial philanthropist. At Portland they believe he means to build a railroad into Central Oregon.

"There is and can be only one solution of the commercial problem in Oregon. Until such time as the transportation business is conducted on a business basis Oregon may expect nothing better than she is now getting. It is unnatural that the shipping of the great Inland Empire should be conducted at Portland, where tonnage is limited, and all the will-o'-the-wisp schemes that may be suggested will never right the situation. When the railroads agree to do business at the ocean port, then may we expect to see Oregon prosper, but not until that time. It's a dismal, belated howl that goes up at Portland. Those who kept themselves informed know that for years there was no honest effort to improve the bar. The unprotected superstructure was annually left to be swept away by the storms of the winter, and hundreds of thousands of dollars was thus wasted. Had the work been carried on as it has been conducted this year, the jetty would long ago have been completed, and there would have been ample depth on the bar.

"Portland wanted a bar that would fit the river channel, that she might enjoy the temporary advantages to be derived thereby. Well, she got it—and now the howl, the cry for equality.

"Oregon is vastly a richer state than Washington, yet Washington has outstripped her at every mark along the commercial highway. Brief residence in this state tells the story. Seattle isn't Washington, by any means, but it strives with all its might to encourage the growth of other towns. Portland is Oregon, and it has always sought to curb the growth of other towns. Why, an Astoria attorney told me a few months ago that Portland bankers turned down a gilt-edged proposition because it was to be launched at Astoria, and that he was compelled to go to Seattle to get the money. A different spirit prevails here, in consequence of which we find Washington a growing, healthy youngster, and Oregon a poky old fossil.

"The Portland spirit is not of the sort essential to state building; but perhaps the railroad lesson which the metropolis is learning will broaden the view of the people of that city. Theodore B. Wilcox has no money for a flour mill at Astoria, but he has ample funds for a mill at Aberdeen. And so it goes. It has been a costly lesson for old Oregon, but it ought to be a lasting one. "P. B. SOVEY."

A scientist says that 100 years ago folks lived on pork and doughnuts and ate mince pie very night before retiring. Well, what was the result? Are they not all dead?

"BRANDON PLAYERS."

Packed House Greeted Presentation of "Heart of Kentucky."

The Brandon Players are continuing to please the patrons of the Star, with their successful comedy-drama "Heart of Kentucky." Last night another strong feature was added by presenting the excellent specialty team "Royal and Fletcher." They are high class artists and will no doubt prove a large drawing card.

Four new members arrived last night and will make their appearance in Nat Goodwin's great comery success, "In Missouri" Thursday night and the remainder of the week.

"Heart of Kentucky" will be repeated tonight and Saturday matinee. For the first half of next week the management announces that they have in preparation a big scenic production of "The Deserter," a strong military drama of the Civil War.

ARE YOU A BON VIVANT?

The pith of life, after all, is a good feed. The good things of this life are not as a rule easily found, so that it is a pleasure to find so close at hand a first-class up-to-date establishment, where one gets those good things at every meal, like the Palace Restaurant, on Commercial street. The home of the bon vivant.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.

Plump cheeks, flushed with the soft glow of health and pure complexion, make all women beautiful. Take a small dose of Herbine after each meal; it will prevent constipation and help digest what you have eaten. Mrs. Wm. M. Stroud, Midlothian, Tex., writes, on May 31, 1901:

"We have used Herbine in our family for eight years and found it the best medicine we ever used for constipation, bilious fever and malaria." Hart's Drug Store.

STUDIO OF STENOGRAPHY.

Commencing Sept. 17, the Misses Lawson and Nordstrom will open a school of Stenography and Typewriting. The system taught is the Illustrative Short-hand, Unvocalized (Benn Pitman system) revised by Mrs. Linda Bronson-Salmon. The complete course is mastered in 8 to 12 weeks. A limited number of students will be admitted. Those who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity apply to Miss Nordstrom, City Lumber & Box Co.

The total packet-seed trade of the country amounts to 120,000,000 packets, of which the government gives away 40,000,000, and the dealers sell 80,000,000.

But Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"When my boy was two years old he had a very severe attack of bowel complaint, but by the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, we brought him out all right," says Maggie Hickox of Midland, Mich. This remedy can be depended upon in the most severe cases. Even cholera infantum is cured by it. Follow the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

Imitation of ice cream is now made from triple-refined cotton seed oil emulsified and flavored with vanilla, glucin and nitrobenzoin. It is then frozen.

NEGLECTED COLDS.

Every part of the mucous membrane, the nose, throat, ears, head and lungs, etc., are subjected to disease and blight from neglected colds. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a pleasant and effective remedy.

W. Akendrick, Valley Mills, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and throat troubles; it is a pleasant and most effective remedy."

Hart's Drug Store.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—Left alone with her infant child in the house which she occupied rooms, Mrs. Morris Lewis, an attractive woman 26 years of age, the wife of a traveling salesman, was brutally murdered yesterday. Her body had three bullet holes in it. The room bore evidence of a struggle. There is no clue to the murder.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

A Word of Warning



Don't buy substitutes for MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM POWDER. "Just as good" is only a deceit by which a dealer tries to make money out of the superiority and success of MENNEN'S POWDER. There's nothing just as good as MENNEN'S and users of substitutes and imitations risk skin, complexion and comfort in doing so.

As a protection to health use Mennen's Powder and only Mennen's. Have you tried MENNEN'S VIOLET BORATED TALCUM TOILET POWDER? Ladies partial to violet perfume will find Mennen's Violet Powder fragrant with the odor of fresh plucked Parma Violets.

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CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Woman's Kidney Troubles

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is Especially Successful in Curing This Fatal Disease.



Of all the diseases known, with which women are afflicted, chronic kidney disease is the most fatal. In fact, unless early and correct treatment is applied, the weary patient seldom survives. Being fully aware of this, Lydia E. Pinkham, early in her career, gave exhaustive study to the subject, and in producing her great remedy for woman's ills—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—was careful to see that it contained the correct combination of herbs which was sure to control that fatal disease, woman's kidney troubles. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the only one especially prepared for women, and thousands have been cured of serious kidney derangements by it. Derangements of the feminine organs quickly affect the kidneys, and when a woman has such symptoms as pain or weight in the loins, backache, bearing-down pains, scalding or burning sensations or deposits in the urine, unusual thirst, swelling of hands and feet, swelling under the eyes or sharp pains in the back, running through the groin, she may infer that her kidneys are affected and should lose no time in combating the disease with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the woman's remedy for woman's ills.

The following letters show how marvelously successful it is. Mrs. Samuel Frake, of Prospect Plains, N. J., writes: Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I cannot thank you enough for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; a Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.

E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. When I first wrote to you I had suffered for years with what the doctor called kidney trouble and congestion of the female organs. My back ached dreadfully all the time, and I suffered so with that bearing-down feeling I could hardly walk across the room. I did not get any better, so decided to stop doctoring with my physician and take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I am thankful to say it has entirely cured me. I do all my own work, have no more backache and all the bad symptoms have disappeared. I cannot praise your medicine enough, and would advise all women suffering with kidney trouble to try it.

Mrs. J. W. Lang, of 626 Third Avenue, New York, writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I have been a great sufferer with kidney trouble. My back ached all the time and I was discouraged. I heard that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound would cure kidney disease, and I began to take it; and it has cured me when everything else had failed. I have recommended it to lots of people and they all praise it very highly.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation.

Women suffering from kidney trouble, or any form of female weakness, are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. The present Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, her assistant before her decease, and for twenty-five years since her advice has been freely given to sick women. Out of the great volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than likely she has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and always helpful.

CITY NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT special assessment roll number 127, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Duane street from the west line of 10th street to the west line of 8th street, has been filed with the auditor and police judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 127, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors, to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Saturday, the 8th day of September, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in the council chambers in the city hall has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

Dated Astoria, Oregon, August 29th, A. D. 1906. 8-31-106

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